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REMARKS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

The applicant appreciate the interview courteously granted to his attorney on May 2, 2006.

During the course of that interview, the attached three scanned photos of the grid and bait trap were shown to the examiner and the prior art was discussed.

It was agreed that the invention was new, but the examiner suggested that the claims be amended to more clearly define the base of the projection and the relationship between the gap and undercuts on the projection.

The amendments to claims 1, 10 and 23 were made at the time of the interview and were acknowledged as acceptable by the examiner, who would further check the claims with his supervisor.

MPEP 713.14(II)(A) allows replies "limited to: (A) an amendment complying with 37 CFR 1.116." Title 37 CFR 1.116(b)(2) specifically allows "[a]n amendment presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal...." As noted above, these amendments were filed based upon an interview where the examiner specifically asked applicant to more clearly define the novel invention described in the claims.

Furthermore, when the amendment will not be entered because it raises new issues, MPEP 713.14(III) requires the examiner to "...provide an explanation as to the reasons why the proposed amendment raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search." In this instance, Examiner does not provide any explanation and only points out large portions of the

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claims he believes raise new issues. The amendments merely clarify portions of the claims as suggested by Examiner and were filed to present rejected claims in better form for consideration, as allowed in 37 CFR 1.116(b)(2).

In the prior art the fasteners 28 of Abadie are not projections with top bases, gaps and undercuts.

In Levy the ends are made with cavities to hold rocks which can be closed as shown in Figures 5 and 6.

The applicant's product is a commercially successful novel bail holder used inside lobster traps. The container double-locks at ends and then triple-locks in its attachment to the heavy duty grid of the modern-day lobster traps. The wood slat and wire traps are a thing of the past, of course.

The unique bail holder prevents theft of bait by the most common thieves, octopus and dogfish. The loss of bait is not in itself important. What is important is the loss of time and earning, expenses and fuel costs of operating and pulling empty traps because of bait theft.

The invention is new and the claims particularly point out new features of the invention.

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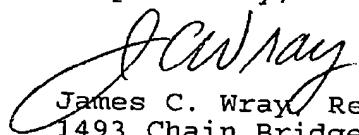
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CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Respectfully,



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